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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In Response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 13, 2004, the Examiner has required a restriction between the claims of Group I (claims 1-22) and Group II (claim 23).

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, that is claims 1-22 directed to a method for detecting a nucleotide sequence.

Favorable action and early allowance of the claims are requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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